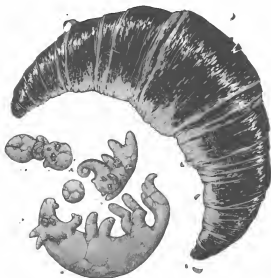


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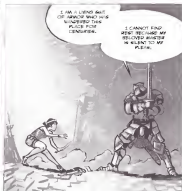


Rosebud





WHO ARE YOU  
REALLY?



I AM A LIVING GAT  
OF WAR WHO HAS  
WANDERED THIS  
PLACE FOR  
CENTURIES.

I CANNOT FIND  
REST BECAUSE MY  
LOVED MASTER  
IS KILLED TO MY  
PAIN.

FORTUNATELY HE  
AND I HAVE BEEN  
INSEPARABLE EVER  
SINCE...



I BECAME HIS  
COFIN.



WE HAVE THEREFORE  
HAD ALL ETERNITY TO  
COME TO AN  
UNDERSTANDING, EVEN  
IF HE HAS STOPPED  
SPEAKING TO ME.

STILL FOR TIME...

OH...AND SO HOW  
DID YOU TWO MANAGE  
TO GET THERE?



IF YOU TRULY WISH TO  
HEAR, IT IS A STORY I  
RARELY HAVE THE  
CHANCE TO TELL...

WENT HUNDREDS OF SPRINGS  
AGO, MY MASTER WAS A  
BRIGHT KNIGHT WHO CARRIED  
ARMS AND ADVANCED HOW TO DO  
BATTLE. HE WAS ADORRED FOR  
HIS BRAVERY, HIS TENACITY AND  
HIS VICTORIES IN THE FIELD.



HE WAS ALSO WELL  
KNOWN FOR AN  
ENTIRELY DIFFERENT  
REASON...

THAT IS HIS EXCESSIVE  
REASON FOR HEAVY  
PLATE ARMOR.



HE WORE HIS  
HELM WHILE SLEEPING,  
WHILE EATING...

HIS PLETH WAS SUCH  
THAT I ACCOMPANIED  
HIM EVERYWHERE, AND  
BATH IN THE WOODS  
OF RARE LADIES.



EVERYWHERE, ACROSS  
THE BATTLEFIELDS  
WHERE TOGETHER WE  
DRANK UP THE BLOOD  
OF OUR ENEMIES.



HE GAVE ME  
A NAME:  
MULRAX.



AND THIS I  
CAME TO  
LIVE.



WE LIVED HAPPILY. HE  
MADE A GOOD  
MARRIAGE, HAD MANY  
CHILDREN AND BUILT A  
MAGNIFICENT CASTLE.



THEN, ONE DAY MY  
MASTER STOPPED  
TALKING TO ME.



I SPENT THE FOLLOWING  
CENTURIES TRYING IN VAIN  
TO SPEAK WITH HIM BUT  
HE REMAINED AS SILENT  
AS THE STONE SLAB THAT  
COVERED US.



IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH HIS WILL, I  
WAS INTERRED  
WITH HIM.

HIS BODY  
DECOMPOSED.



I DECIDED THAT IT  
WAS TIME TO TAKE  
THINGS INTO MY  
OWN HANDS.



TO LEAVE THIS DARK  
HOLE, TO GO OUT TO SEE  
NEW THINGS AND TO  
COURT BEAUTIFUL  
WOMEN...



BUT THE WORLD HAD CHANGED. THE  
GENTLEMEN NO LONGER WORE ARMOR  
AND THE LADIES RANDED THEMSELVES IN  
A LEWD AND DISGUSTING MANNER.



I REALISED THAT MY MASTER WAS THE ONLY BEING WITH WHOM I STILL SHARED THE CODE OF CHIVALRY. I DECIDED THIS TO DISCOVER THE REASON FOR HIS SILENCE, SEARCHING IN BOOKS FOR WHAT COULD BE THE CAUSE. THIS I WOULD BE MASTER ARMED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS TERRIBLE ISSUE THAT KERNATED US.



GOING FROM ONE LIBRARY TO ANOTHER, BURYING MYSELF DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE TWIST AND TURN OF THE WRITTEN RECORD OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE I LANDED IN THE HALL OF ARCHIVES. THE GREAT ADVANTAGE OF THIS PLACE IS THAT DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS ARE REGULARLY DEPOSITED HERE. CERTAINLY ONE MUST SORT THROUGH THEM, BUT TIME IS NOT SOMETHING MY MASTER AND I LACK.

THEN, BY MAKING A COMPARISON OF SYMPTOMS, I FINALLY FOUND THE ELEMENT FROM WHICH MY BELOVED OWNER SUFFERED. THIS ELEMENT IS CALLED AN INFECTION, A TERRIBLE DISEASE WHICH CAUSES THE HEART TO STOP.



WHEN YOU THREE ARRIVED AN IDEA CAME TO ME.



IN HIS LIFETIME, WHILE HE COULD STILL SPEAK, HE LOVED TO REPEAT THESE WORDS TO BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMEN. FOR YOU DO NOT OFFER ME YOUR HEART I WILL DIE!



THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME THE ANSWER I HAVE WAITED FOR SO LONG. I SIMPLY NEED THE HEART OF A WOMAN TO RETURN LIFE AND VOICE TO MY MASTER.



THE TALL, BLONDE AND WITH THE JAWLINE WOMAN WOULD HAVE PLEASED MY OTHER DREAMS BUT HE WILL HAVE TO BE CONTENT WITH YOU, BECAUSE YOUR ISOLATION MAKES MY DREAM INFINITELY MORE VALUABLE.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD NOT STRAGGLE. THE OPERATION WILL BE QUITE PAINLESS THIS WAY.



FOUND ANYTHING?

NO.



LIVE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK...

IF ONLY WE HAD STORIES TO HELP US.



IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TOO IF WE COULD HAVE COME ON DOWN HERE.



NOW IS MY CHANCE.





NO QUESTION:  
THEIR DEFINITELY  
THE SUREST  
SACRIFICING...



BUT WHY DOES THE  
ROOM SEEM TO BE  
COLLAPSING  
BEHIND HERE?



WOW  
WHERE AM  
I?



HAPPY  
HERE ONE  
TEACH  
MAYBE?

YOU'VE TURNED MY  
HEAD AROUND! THE  
ONLY WAY YOU EVEN  
MORE DESIRABLE



MY FLAMINGO IS  
ONLY SURVIVED  
HIS OWN!  
I NEED AN  
ESCAPE ROUTE!



YOU'VE GOTTEN  
YOURSELF  
CORNERED!



NOT YET,  
KID DIRT  
DEMON!



EXCELLENT!  
NOW DON'T  
MOVE!

FLAMINGO  
ALSO ADDS  
TO GUANT  
KNOW FENCING!

BOING

HAI NOT  
SO  
CLEVER  
NOW!

NO MORE  
FIRE! STILL  
STANDING!

WE ARE  
INVINCIBLE!

XIONG MAO!

GRAB YOUR  
THINGS, WE'RE  
GETTING OUT!!!

WHERE'S THAT  
NOISE?

WE WOULD  
GUESS THAT IT  
IS...



IT'S A  
COMPLETE  
COLLAPSE!

ALL THOSE  
TREASURES!  
I CAN'T  
LEAVE  
THEM!

NOOOO!!!

THE BOOP  
WENT IN WE  
HATE THE  
CAPTIVITY

HEY DON'T PICK  
UP TAILFAN!  
HE TRIED TO  
KILL ME!

AT RISK

WE WENT THERE  
LURELOW  
ALLEGATIONS

AAAAH  
WE'LL BE  
BACK!

AAAAH

PRADA

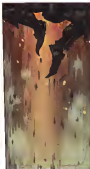
BACK! WE  
ALMOST GOT  
KILLED!!

LOOK  
AHEAD!

MUAAA!!











WE WERE  
DOWN THERE  
A LONG TIME...



HAVE YOU GAVE  
THEREIN ANYTHING TO  
WORTHY ABOUT?  
THEREIN NO MARK OF  
FURTHER COLLAPSED?

THE LIBRARY HAS  
BEEN WASH OF  
THESE... IF IT  
COLLAPSED AT EVERY  
TOWER IN THE  
HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT  
THE SCHOOL  
WOULD BECOME THE  
BATTLE MARKET  
REBUILDING IT.



LOOK,  
FUNDAMENTALIST!  
WE HAVE THE  
TOWER!

NOT BAD I  
WOULDN'T HAVE  
MET ON YOUR  
SUCCESS.



HAI I NEVER  
NOTICED YOU  
WERE A GUY.

I JUST  
TRANSFORMED IN  
ORDER TO POOL  
THE CRYSTAL  
SUIT OF ARMOR.  
KEEPED LIKE HE  
WAS TOTALLY  
DOING FOR A  
CHECK IN.



BUT I'M REALLY A  
GIRL, OF COURSE!  
WHAHA...



WELL, IF YOU  
HAVE NO  
FURTHER  
NEED...



WELL, PROFESSOR!  
WHERE ARE WE  
GOING TO GO  
WITH WALFART?

...



CONSIDERING HOW  
MUCH TIME HE'S  
SPENT BURNING IN  
THE WALLS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY IT'S LIKELY  
HE BELONGS TO IT.  
NOW, TAKE HIM TO  
THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.





WE OBTAINED ALL THE REAGENTS INDEPENDENTLY! THE TOAD EXTRACT, ESSENTIAL TO THE FORMULA.



WILL HAVE TO CAPTURE AND RETAIN THE SOUL OF THE SOLEM.



THE REAGENTS, THE ALCHEMICAL FINANCE WHICH A REALITY CAN BE REPLACED WITH A THERMOCORE. THE REAGENTS ON THE TAPESTRY SUGGESTS A COOKING TEMPERATURE OF 200 DEGREES CELSIUS.



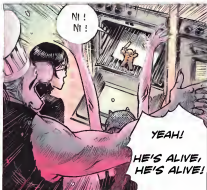
AND TO FINISH, SOME BLENDER BAIT FOR THE INVOCATION.





DON'T WORRY!  
I'LL BE BACK IN  
A MINUTE!











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